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APC Bestows Literature Awards

Dr. Peter McCann, president of the American Philatelic Congress, announced the winners of the APC-Diane D. Boehret Award at the annual meeting of the Congress, which took place during COLOPEX '92 (Columbus, OH) recently. The award, created in 1990 in honor of the outgoing president of the congress, is open to recent winners of gold and vermeil medals in national-level literature exhibitions in the U.S. and Canada.

Edmund Bayley's *The Stamps of Barbados* (best handbook) and the *Postal History Journal*, edited by Harlan Stone (best periodical), shared the award. Bayley's book, published in 1989, has received wide acclaim on both sides of the Atlantic and was awarded a gold medal at STaMpsHOW '91. The *Postal History Journal* is a respected quarterly that has received many distinctions in national and international exhibitions.

Four other awards were given at the congress meeting for articles in this year's edition of the *Congress Book*, which was officially released at the meeting. They were announced by Michel Forand, editor of the book.

The Walter R. McCoy Award, for the best article in the book, was given to Hal Vogel, author of *A Doubly Extraordinary Polar Expedition*, while Dr. Roger Schnell, author of *Caribbean Purser Mail of the Hamburg America Packet Line*, received the Erani P. Drossos Award, attributed to the first runner-up to the best article.

Richard Graham received the C. Corwith Wagner Award for the best article on American postal history during the period 1776-1876, for *The Postal Markings of Columbus, Ohio, 1814-45*. The Helen August Memorial Award, for the best article in 20th century U.S. postal history (including first day covers), was given to George Griffenhagen and Adolf Schwartz, authors of *Medical Personalities Commemorated on U.S.S. "Relief" covers*.

The last award conferred during the congress meeting was the Jere. Hess Barr Award, which is bestowed for the best presentation at the Writers' Forum, a feature of APC meetings where authors of papers in the current *Congress Book* discuss the subject of their article. The 1992 award was given to Thomas Corrette for his presentation on the subject of his article, entitled *The 2¢ Columbian 'Broken Hat': Accidental or Deliberate?*

Membership in the congress is $25 a year and includes a copy of the Congress Book. Copies are $30 each to non-members. Information about the congress is available from Dr. Russell Skavaril, secretary-treasurer, 222 E. Torrence Rd., Columbus, OH 43214-3834.